



September 20, 2024

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

This Sunday we continue our sermon series, *Everyday Disciples*, by reflecting on the posture Jesus asks his followers to take in his kingdom. Worry fills our world, powered by fears that who we are and what we have is not enough. Just as God cares for his creation, he also provides for us too. However, as disciples, we must trust him and make seeking his kingdom our first priority.

The message this Sunday will focus on Matthew 6:25-34, "Posture With Purpose."

OUR OFFERINGS

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **RESONATE GLOBAL MISSION THE EDMONTON NATIVE HEALING CENTRE** empowers individuals to grow stronger and creates vibrant community relationships while honoring our culture through Spiritual development centered in the heart of the Creator.

NEXT WEEK – MINISTRY SHARES: Supports various CRC initiatives that send missionaries around the world, start new churches, train pastors and leaders, and use media to spread the gospel.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

PASTOR WENDY's surgery went well. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers. If you'd like to offer some additional support, you can help with bringing a meal by signing up [here](#).

Please continue to remember **JEAN SAATHOF, CURTIS COENEN, LORETTA HUIZINGA, GERRY & JENNY PENFOLD, ELEANOR PROKUDA, EVANS KOTIO, CELINE SIGVALDASON, JILL SNEEP, and SAM VEENSTRA** as you pray for our church community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SINGERS: Are you interested in singing in a Thanksgiving, Easter, or Christmas Choir? Message lisa@discoverbethel.com for information to see if you are interested! No experience required.

GARDEN HARVEST TABLE: The time of year has come again when many of us are starting to enjoy the produce from our gardens. We have now set up our Harvest Table. This is an opportunity for those avid gardeners among us to be able to share their excess produce with fellow Bethelites. If you would like to contribute, drop off your produce at the table by the elevators before the worship service; everyone is free to pick up items that they like after the service. Bring your own bags and continue to be both blessed and a blessing in our community.

PODCAST UPDATE: We're starting midweek conversations on our podcast feed to follow along with the sermon series. Our goal is to help you follow Jesus, grow, and encourage you in your discipleship by reflecting on your questions and going deeper beyond the Sunday morning. If you have a question about a Sunday message or the series in general, whether big or small, please send it to media@discoverbethel.com. Make sure you're following our podcast wherever you find your podcasts, so you don't miss out when we release a new episode. You can also find these on our website [here](#).

OASIS - WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: The bible study that we will begin with this year is called *Thrive - Living Faithfully in Difficult Times* by Jennifer Cowart. In *Thrive*, author and teacher Jen Cowart helps women develop the habits and attitudes necessary to thrive, whatever their circumstances. Leading readers through the Book of James, a letter written about enduring hardships, she lifts up six characteristics of mature Christians. If this is something that you would be interested in, please register [here](#) or join us September 25th at 9:30 a.m. Childcare is available, a nursery for babies ages 0-3, and a preschool class for ages 3-6.

CALLING ALL MEN! Join us for food and fellowship Saturday, September 21 at 9 a.m. Click [here](#) to register.

DISCOVER BETHEL MEMBERSHIP CLASS: Join us September 22, 7-9 p.m., in the Fireside Room for the Discover Bethel Membership Class! In this class, we'll share the history of Bethel church, its missions, vision, and core commitments. We'll also explore our denominational connection, beliefs, and what it looks like to be a follower of Jesus. There are many opportunities to get involved at Bethel. The membership class is a great place to ask questions and figure out where you fit into this vibrant community. If you are considering making Bethel your church home, or even if you're just curious, registering by clicking [here](#).

GEMS (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior): is starting an exciting year of fellowship, Bible study, badge work, crafts and more. GEMS meets every other Tuesday from 7-8:30 p.m. beginning September 24. Girls in grade 2-9 are invited to come build skills together, experience God's love and grow in their faith. The registration fee for the year is \$50 per girl. Register your girls [here](#). For more information, visit discoverbethel.com or contact Selikke Duthler at kids@discoverbethel.com.

CADETS is a group for boys in grades 2-6 that meets every second Tuesday from 7:00- 8:30 p.m. Through badge work, games, and physical activities, this group of boys build relationships, gain skills, and become more Christ-like in all areas of their lives. The registration fee is \$55 per cadet, and \$35 to buy a shirt. Click [here](#) to register or join us on registration night, September 24 at 7:00 p.m. Our first meeting will be October 1. For more information speak to Calvin VanderLeest.

LIFE GROUPS (Because we are doing life together!) October 1 we are starting "Life Groups" -small groups of people who choose to study together for an intentional amount of time - about 6 to 8 weeks. In that time, we encourage you to study the Bible together, have at least one potluck meal together, and consider a project that will have you serving together (i.e. volunteer at the Mustard Seed or Habitat for Humanity).

Life Groups will meet at the church (there will not be childcare available) unless a participant offers for the group to meet in their home.

Life Groups can use small group studies from the Bethel Library, choose on-line studies from RightNow Media, or take part in the Emotionally Healthy Spirituality course.

For more information or to register to be part of a Life Group please click [here](#).

Edmonton-Wide Deacons 101 workshop: Join Erika Repka, Edmonton Diaconal Coach, at Bethel CRC, Edmonton (14204 - 25 Street NW) on October 5, 10am -12pm for an in-depth look at the call to be a deacon. This workshop is excellent for onboarding & recruiting new deacons, refreshing experienced deacons, and is also open to anyone who is passionate about serving their community! Together we will explore the deacon's mandate, and engage in collaborative discussions about exciting ministry initiatives. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided. Please register by clicking [here](#).

BETHEL YOUTH

PAUL & PANCAKES CONTINUES! Next meeting is on Sunday, October 20, during the service.

BETHEL YOUTH PARENT MEETING: We held our youth parent meeting this past Sunday, September 15. The open and honest discussion was good. Our goal was to start some intentional conversations with parents about what Bethel Youth should look like this fall and beyond. If you were unable to attend we encourage families to fill out a survey [here](#) as part of a review for this ministry. If you have any questions please email Pastor Cris (cris@discoverbethel.com) who can keep you updated about the review process.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

COLLECTIONS IN SEPTEMBER

September 1	Tuition Relief
September 8	Alpha Canada
September 15	Resonate Global Mission
September 22	Edmonton Native Healing Centre
September 29	Ministry Shares

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, September 22

10:00 a.m. Worship - in person and live stream
7:00 p.m. Discover Bethel Class

MONDAY, September 23

7:00 p.m. Prayer – Zoom

TUESDAY, September 24

5:00 p.m. Taekwondo

WEDNESDAY, September 25

6:30 a.m. Prayer - in person and zoom
8:00 p.m. AA

THURSDAY, September 26

12:30 p.m. Food Bank
5:00 p.m. Taekwondo
6:00 p.m. Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. Worship Practice

FRIDAY, September 27

6:00 p.m. Leadership Retreat

SATURDAY, September 28

9:00 a.m. Leadership Retreat
(Bannerman Community Hall)

COMMUNITY NEWS

FAMILY CHATS: September 25, 2024, 7:00 p.m. at Inglewood Christian Reformed Church: The Topic is *Synod 2024 and Where Do We Go from Here?* We have invited our Classis delegates, Rev Henry Kranenburg, Rev. Ken Douma, Art Van Loo, and Daniel Harder to report on the important events at Synod and the key decisions made. Based on their observations and understanding, we have asked them to reflect on where this leaves our churches, especially those who sent overtures, and communications, and where we go next. This is a live event and all are invited and encouraged to attend. It will also be livestreamed on the YouTube Channel of Inglewood CRC – click [here](#).

LODGEPOLE COMMUNITAS NEEDS YOU! Are you a group of 4-6 people who enjoy spending time together and making a difference in your community? Our Lodgepole Alberta Avenue location serves a community meal 3 times/week to people in need. We're currently in need of small groups to prepare Friday dinner from 12-4 pm once/month, to be served by other volunteers later in the evening. To get involved in creating a space of welcome, belonging, and good food please contact Sarah Nicolai-deKoning at prayerworks@lodgepolecommunitas.ca; phone/text 780-289-5730; or check out www.lodgepolecommunitas.ca

NAVIGATING YOUR WAY THROUGH STRESS: This is a free support group for adults hosted by Cornerstone Counselling, made possible through generous funding from the City of Edmonton. This uniquely-tailored workshop series is designed to support skill-building to help you more effectively manage stress and regain a sense of self-empowerment. The group focuses on building awareness regarding how stress manifests in our bodies and ways to better cope in managing emotional distress, boundaries, self-compassion, and mindfulness. Groups begin in October or November. Click [here](#) for more details or to register.

NADC REFUGEE WORKSHOP AND SHARING SESSION: We invite all deacons, others involved in working with refugees and all interested to join us on Wednesday, October 9 at 7 pm at West End CRC. Martine Ooms, long time refugee coordinator at Inglewood CRC, will lead us in a time of learning and discussion on refugee sponsorship in our churches. We will also have a time of sharing best diaconal experiences and practices in our congregations. We look forward to a good evening of learning and sharing together.

If possible, send us an email at yournadc@gmail.com or call Jeremy Stork at 780-722-9388 by October 7 so we can plan refreshments. All are welcome!

REHOBOTH'S ANNUAL DONATION DRIVE: This October, we invite you to become a "Friend of Rehoboth" and partner with our ministry in supporting persons with developmental disabilities to flourish. Donations of any size are appreciated and helps us grow our reach. Look for the **Friends of Rehoboth** envelope coming soon to your mail slot or speak with Jo-Ann Tavenier-Vriend. Alternatively, a digital online submission is available [here](#). Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

KINDRED HEARTS CAMBODIA FOUNDATION: Please join the 10th annual Live and Silent Auction fundraiser on Friday, October 18, 2024! There will be live music by Erin Kay, as well as refreshments, awesome auction items and exciting updates on Kindred Hearts Cambodia programs! The event will be held at a new, larger venue, the Woodvale Community Facility (Millwoods Golf Course). You can purchase tickets at [eventbrite.ca](https://www.eventbrite.ca) or text Leanne Foff 780-278-0603. See you there!

DIG A WELL IN KENYA FUNDRAISER: Frank and Carolyn Van Boom were on a mission trip to Kenya this past year. They are helping to raise funds to dig a well in an impoverished area in Kenya. Please join them in advancing God's kingdom by coming to our fundraising dinner on Saturday November 2nd at Trinity CRC. There will be live music, delicious food and a silent auction. The cost is \$30.00. Feel free to email Carolyn at fcvanboom@gmail.com if you have any questions or to RSVP. Carolyn is also able to take e-transfer, cheque or cash.

ADEARA RECOVERY CENTRE: We are excited to extend a special invitation and a challenge to you for our **annual Evening of Dreams Gala**, taking place at the Evario Events Centre, October 18, 2024. The Evening of Dreams Gala is a tangible way to come alongside the most vulnerable women and children and show that they are not alone, but rather have a community of people who believe in them. For more details and to purchase your table, visit adeara.ca/gala. We would love to have you join us.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY POSITION AT COVENANT CRC: If you have a passion for children and helping them to grow and develop in their relationship with Jesus and have a background in early childhood development / children's ministry, we encourage you to apply for the new Children's Discipleship Leader position at Covenant CRC. This position will oversee children aged 0 to grade 4 and is part time (up to 20 hours per week.) Please email cdlsearch@covenantcommunity.ca to express interest or for further information.

EMMANUEL HOME – JOB OPPORTUNITIES: Emmanuel Home, a Christian Seniors Home that provides facilities and care in a Christian community, requires a Maintenance Lead (FT) and a Maintenance Aide (Temporary) to begin soon. The Maintenance department at Emmanuel Home ensures that the facility is maintained in excellent condition, both inside and out. Please go to emmanuelhome.ca for details about qualifications, responsibilities and how to apply.

PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS IN GREECE (March 28 - April 8, 2025): Travel by motor coach (7 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

CRC NEWS: Check out what's happening in the CRC community [here](#).

CRCNA ANNOUNCEMENTS: Connecting church members with the ministries of the denomination. Find out more by visiting the website [here](#).